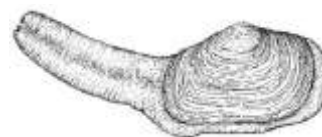

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck clam fishery.

The following area will be open **from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 22, 2018.**

Kaigani Strait (Subdistrict 103-30-001): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 16,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams for live sale.

The following area will be open **from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 22, 2018.** During this two-day period, a geoduck harvester may not harvest, possess, or land more than 250 pounds of geoduck clams from Cleveland Peninsula. Any harvest over this limit must be landed to the processor, recorded on a fish ticket, and surrendered to the state. Harvest over the 250 pound limit may not be retained as personal use.

Cleveland Peninsula (Subdistricts 102-50, 102-80, 106-20, 107-10): in those waters within 1.0 nautical mile of the Cleveland Peninsula shoreline west of a line from Onslow Point at 55°50.36' N. latitude, 132°18.66' W. longitude, to Caamano Point at 55°29.83' N. latitude, 131°58.13' W. longitude.

All companies buying geoduck clams must contact the Fish and Game, Ketchikan office before **12:00 noon on Friday, March 23, 2018**, with a harvest estimate by area.

All geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest. Geoduck logbooks are required to be completed daily and before leaving the harvest site. Logbooks must be submitted to the Department within seven days of a commercial landing.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1818.

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